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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Mail Stop: Amendment

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 16, 2005, please consider the following. A request for a one-month extension of time to respond up to and including April 16, 2006, and a Credit Card Payment Form for the requisite fee are included herewith. Please provide any additional extensions of time which may be necessary and charge any additional fees which may be due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-2424, but not to include any payment of issue fees.